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Happy Birthday Summer Babies!
Lusitano Annual Picnic
August 2, 2026 - San Mateo Beresford Park

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President's Message

Greetings, fellow members and friends,

Wishing you a happy Mid-Autumn Festival! As Fall arrives and Halloween approaches, I hope you are enjoying the season with family and friends. Thank you to all who joined us at our summer picnic and those who represented us at the Luso-American Education Foundation Golf Classic Fundraiser.

Coming up in October, we will be celebrating Our Lady of Fatima with a Mass and lunch followed by our Club travels to Portugal. And of course, our Lusitano Christmas Party on December 5th where we hope to see you.

2027 Portuguese Heritage Night tickets are now available for sale with the Warriors on January 12th, and the San Jose Sharks on March 6th. Please email us and get your tickets early.

Thank you all for your continued support, and Fundação Oriente Portugal for sponsoring our quarterly bulletins to keep everyone informed.

Sincerely,
Leonardo Xavier, President

Websites of Interest

Macanese Recipes
http://www.macaneserecipes.org
Macanese Families
(A website dedicated to preserving and disseminating our Macanese culture, history, and genealogy)
http://www.macaneselibrary.org
Instituto Internacional Macau (IIM)
(Published books on this website may be available from Lusitano)
https://www.iimacau.org.mo/
Consulate General of Portugal in San Francisco
https://saofrancisco.consuladoportugal.mne.gov.pt/en/

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

2026

Sun, Oct 11: **Our Lady of Fatima Mass & Lunch**, Walnut Creek
Oct 16-26: **Lusitano Trip** to Lisbon & Madeira
Sat, Dec 5: **Annual Christmas Dinner Dance**, San Mateo Elks Lodge

2027

Tues, Jan 12: **Portuguese Heritage Night - Golden State Warriors**
Sun, Jan 31: **Annual General Meeting & Elections**, MCC, Fremont
Sun, Jan 31: **Chinese New Year Dinner Dance**, MCC, Fremont
Sat, Mar 6: **Portuguese Heritage Night - San Jose Sharks**





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Macau Cultural Center "MCC"

Our 2nd floor ballroom is available for your party rental needs.
Please email us at macauculturalcenter@gmail.com for details.
We hope to see you at our next event in Rossmoor
on October 11th to celebrate Our Lady of Fatima.



LUSITANO CLUB
proudly presents our

ANNUAL Christmas DINNER DANCE

COST

$36.00	Lusitano current members (ages 19-61)
$22.00	Lusitano current senior & youth members, & children (ages 4-12) of current members
$25.00	Children of non-members (ages 4-12)
All Children under 4 years of age no charge	
$50.00	Non-members or all late reservations received after November 20th

Please remember to advise names/ages of children 12 & under when you RSVP so Santa can bring a gift from the North Pole and be present with your kids at 6:30pm to welcome Santa.

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 20, 2026

to Jessica at 925.354.7999
or lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com

Mail check to Lusitano,
7222 Cutting Blvd,
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Saturday, December 5th 6-11pm

San Mateo Elks Lodge
233 W. 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94401
(Enter from right side of building/parking lot)

6pm	No Host Cocktails
6:30pm	Visit from Santa Claus
7pm	Dinner Buffet
8:30 - 11pm	Music by Sam Cadelinia
	Dancing / Raffle / Prizes



MACAU SWEET TREATS $16.00 per box

Provided by Lusitano Club of California



Cornstarch Cookies "*Genete de Cornstarch*"

baked by Dorothy Oliveira
will be available for sale once again this Christmas
to support our LUSITANO Scholarship Fund.

To place your order, email us at lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com by November 15, 2026

Orders will be available for pickup on Saturday, December 5th at the Christmas Party, San Mateo Elks Lodge or requested for pickup week of December 7th in San Francisco or Walnut Creek area. Mail orders available with added UPS charges to be advised.

Please make check payable to LUSITANO CLUB and mail by November 15th to: 7222 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA 94530. PayPal, Zelle or Venmo also accepted payable to Maria Roliz at 415.990.5534 or m_roliz@yahoo.com

ALUA FOR CHRISTMAS !!!



The Leitao Brothers will be taking orders again this year for Alua

To place your order, kindly complete the form below.

Please enclose payment with your order.
Cost: $16.00 per cake X ____ = $_____
Please make check payable to Donald Leitao and mail to:
Donald Leitao, 1087 East 33rd Street, Oakland, CA. 94610
Tel: (510) 599-3327 Email: Donald_Leitao@yahoo.com
PayPal, Zelle and Venmo are also accepted,
please use the above phone number or email address
Deadline for placing your order is October 31, 2026
Orders will be available for pickup/delivery at the Christmas party if notified. Please contact Donald Leitao to arrange for pickup. There will be an additional charge for shipment via U.S. Postal Service.
Postage for domestic Priority Mail:
1-2 cakes $15
3-25 cakes $22
26+ cakes $35

2026 Lusitano Scholarship Recipient "Marisa Segovia"

Congratulations to Marisa Segovia, recipient of our 2026-2027 Lusitano Scholarship Grant, and thank you for sharing your story!



My name is Marisa Manuela Sequeira Segovia. I was born in Oakland, CA to a unique and diverse family. My mother is Macanese, born in Macau and my father is American of Mexican descent, born in San Francisco, CA. I have a long name, like most people with Portuguese and Mexican ancestry as a tribute to my grandmother, my mother, and my father. My life was influenced greatly by my family, learning the languages, cooking Minchi and all the great tasting Macanese food that I prepare in the kitchen with my mom and Avó, and learning as I grow up of how we ended up in America. We each have a unique story to tell, and each story of our past makes us who we are today. I listen to my Avó when she goes to Lusitano Club events and see how connected she is with everybody and how connected they are with her. The unspoken language of our culture joins us together and I love to hear her talk about the past to her longtime friends. The Club allows her and all members to stay connected to each other.

The Lusitano Club of California is a big part of our lives, whether it was attending the picnics, Halloween events, Christmas parties, trips with the Club, and many more. My great-grandparents, Felisberto and Thalia da Cruz, were instrumental in starting the Club and I remember my mother telling me that the initial meetings and events took place on their commercial property in Jack London Square in Oakland. They were so proud to bring the Macanese community together and that passion was passed on to my great uncle, Tio Nuno (Nuno da Cruz) who spent a big part of his life with the Club as a director, advocate for the Macanese people, translator, representative of the Club, and much more. Upon his death, his wife, Maria Joao da Cruz continues his quest for the Macanese people. My mother, Raquel Sequeira Segovia was also a director of the Club. The Lusitano Club represents where we came from since this country is a melting pot of many cultures around the world, it helps us to identify with a people who share the same values, memories, culture, foods, and much more. Without the Club, our culture would fade away before we know it. It is the people that make up the Club and with the help of the president and his/her directors, we owe them many thanks and appreciation for the

hard work in bringing us all together.

Our family also keeps the Macanese culture alive by connecting with other family around the world. They took it upon themselves to organize reunions to keep everyone in contact with each other and created a giant chat group on WhatsApp with all the cousins. We have family in England, Guatemala, Macau, Hong Kong, Canada, and many other countries. They also wanted to pass on the Macanese culture down to the younger generation of their families. This group chat allows us to stay connected to other Macanese and one of the goals is to involve young people like myself to keep our culture alive for generations to come.

How do I also plan to continue the preservation of our culture? Our culture is so unique that I love to educate my friends and people I know about where I come from and all the sacrifices our family and other families have made to build a new life for us here in America. They always have a confused look when I explain how the Macanese people are a mix of Europe and Asia and how the two cultures came together. I have to admit, it takes a long conversation, but at the end, they are definitely intrigued! In addition to educating people about the Macanese people, I am the future for our people. The way I live my life, the good deeds I do, the connection to my family, young and old, these character traits are a testament of how I was raised and how I will raise my family in the Macanese way in the future. I also truly believe that our Club needs a youth group to truly continue our culture. Like the church events I attend at my parish, there is always a youth group, although small, that brings together the young in our community. The mature members have so much to teach us, and I believe the younger members need to also play active roles in our Club. It is a tall order, but one that I feel will benefit our Macanese people into the future.

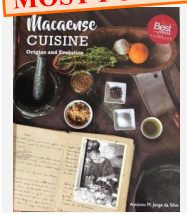
How do we achieve this? One way is to ask a director to create a Zoom call with younger members of the Club to attend an initial meeting to give ideas of how to promote the Macanese culture from their perspective because I think young people like myself would appreciate that people want our opinions and I am sure we can get some good ideas. I also think that families can promote the younger generation to participate in Lusitano Club events too. We have three generations of family members attending these events due to family encouragement! I would love to see the Macanese culture survive for generations to come. I believe these clubs perform a wonderful service to our community, and our family so enjoys the events and trips organized by the Lusitano Club.

This scholarship would mean a lot to me! It is a testament to the commitment our family has given to the Club, and I would be so proud to receive it if chosen. I think back to my great-grandparent's era when the Lusitano Club first started and realized we have come a long way, and I know how proud they would be to see our Macanese culture grow with their great-grandchildren! I also want to thank the scholarship committee for providing these scholarships to the young adult members of the Lusitano Club who want to attend college. It shows your commitment to us and the future of the Macanese culture!

BOOKS for Sale!

We carry a lot of interesting books in stock on Macanese Cuisine and History. Email us if there is a particular book you would like to purchase.

MOST POPULAR!



Macaense Cuisine - Origins And Evolution

Author:

António Jorge da Silva

(Published 2019)

Cost: USD30.00

Recipe "Almond Lace Cookies"

by Dorothy Oliveira

Ingredients:

1/4 lb sweet butter melted
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 tbls flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 cup quick oatmeal
1 cup sliced almonds



Makes 22-24 cookies

Directions:

- Cream butter with sugar.
- Add egg and mix well.
- Add flour & baking powder, mix well.
- Add oatmeal & almonds.
- Spoon onto a cookie sheet lined with a silpat (can use parchment paper), about 1 to 1-1/2 inch apart as they will spread. Pat down a bit.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes depending on your oven's heat. Watch carefully as they will burn. Enjoy!

Annual Summer Picnic
Sunday, August 2, 2026

by Sheila Jun

"Picnic"… A word derived from the 17th century "Picque Nicque": To pick and peck at morsels, food, and drink at an outdoor gathering.

Such was, on a sunny afternoon, many left their TV remotes untouched, morning newspaper pages unturned, leaving worldly matters behind, and headed for the roads to Beresford Park in San Mateo for our Annual Summer picnic.

Continuing with tradition, comforted in familiarity of loyalty, friendship, and celebration; like a clock rewind, we came within sight of the billowing smoke of the BBQ grill. In the haze, familiar faces of our directors, busy at the helm.

Warm greetings, much to share prior to our tiered courses, we started off with "Build your own hot dogs and hamburgers" with all its fixings.

After a leisurely pause, lunch was served with an array of marinated boneless chicken, ever-popular linguica and spicy tri-tip; accompanied by macaroni, potato, and mediterranean salad. Hats off to the chefs, yummy delicious!





Could we possibly partake any more? For sure: At dessert time, long lines with smiling faces eagerly looked forward. A large Birthday cake of fresh fruit and cream was lit with candles, celebrating the "Summer Babies". True diversity was evidenced by celebrating 3-year-old Ryann Esmail to 90 years young Sheila Collaco, amongst the 80 plus attendees. Everyone








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sang and broke out in cheers.

Following slices of cake, we were treated to cool mango pudding, made by Maria Roliz; and rounded out with sweet juicy watermelon.

Leonardo, our president, drew our raffle tickets. The first happy winner was Maria Isabel Camacho Santos, followed by Eleanor Hobson and Maria Alice Garcia.

We never cease to thank our president and directors as a relentless team for all the preparations and work to put this wonderful PICNIC together. Hats off and a big hand to Leonardo, Maria, Jessica, Chris, Hunter, and Justin.

As we look forward to our next gathering, let us reflect on the magnitude of loyalty, the kindness of friendship, and gratitude on our daily wonders.











Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members and Elections on January 31, 2027

An Annual General Meeting of Members of the Lusitano Club of California, a California non-profit mutual benefit corporation will be held at 3p.m. on Sunday, January 31, 2027, at Macau Cultural Center, 109 J Street, Fremont, CA 94536, for the following purposes:

1. To elect a board of up to 11 directors, including 4 directors who will also serve as President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, to serve for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected; and

2. To consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Only Members on record at the close of business on September 30, 2026 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. For eligible Members who will not attend the meeting in person, absentee ballots and proxies will be mailed out by the Club by December 31, 2026. Absentee ballots and proxies must be signed, dated, and received by mail to the Lusitano Committee, 7222 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA 94530 by January 30, 2027 or by hand delivery before the call for votes at the meeting on January 31, 2027.

Nominations for directors and officers in writing stating the name of the Member nominated and, if applicable, the officer position for which such Member is nominated, must be submitted to the Lusitano Nominating Committee, 7222 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA 94530, by mail or email to lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com to be received no later than December 10, 2026. All voting Members 18 years of age and over on record at the close of business on September 30, 2026 are qualified to be a director. List of nominees will be available after December 15, 2026.

By Order of the Lusitano Club Board of Directors

Lusitano Directors & Officers

President:	*Tel:*	*Directors:*	*Tel:*
Leonardo Xavier	**(925) 726-9543**	**Michael Carion**	**(415) 279-0098**
Vice-President:		**Maria Joao daCruz**	**(510) 599-7247**
Maria Roliz	**(415) 990-5534**	**Chris daRoza**	**(415) 218-5504**
Secretary:		**Justin Estep**	**(408) 694-7487**
Jessica Xavier	**(925) 354-7999**	**Ken Harper**	**(415) 577-8967**
Treasurer:			
Dorothy Oliveira	**(650) 218-9308**		

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Word Scramble

Find below words and phrases associated with the Autumn Moon Festival scrambled upwards, downwards, across, backwards, or diagonally

AUTUMN FESTIVAL MOON REUNION FAMILY TOGETHERNESS HARMONY GRATITUDE PROSPERITY BLESSINGS CELEBRATION TRADITION MOONCAKES LANTERNS MOONLIGHT SEPTEMBER HARVEST

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The Autumn Moon Festival, also known as, the Mid-Autumn Festival falls on September 25th this year (15th day of the 8th month of the Chinese Lunar calendar). It is a traditional Asian celebration held during the full moon in autumn. It celebrates the harvest, family reunion, gratitude, and togetherness. Families gather to enjoy mooncakes, admire the full moon, and light colorful lanterns while sharing wishes for happiness and prosperity.

Happy Mid-Autumn Festival!

Feliz Festa do Bolo Lunar!